

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## March 2019 Newsletter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is here again. Lent begins on March 6, which is Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special and deep time of the church year. It is a time to acknowledge our sin and our need. It is a time to face our brokenness. Most of all it is a time to focus on all that Jesus has done to redeem us from our sin and brokenness. It is a time to look to the cross, as there God works new life for us.

During Lent we add special Wednesday evening activities. That is a long tradition in the Lutheran Church; the intent is that Lent be a time of renewal in faith. I look forward to our Wednesday evening activities. I've always found these to be special, fulfilling, and meaningful. It helps me on my Lenten journey. On the Wednesday evenings of Lent we will have a soup supper at 6:00, a time for congregational prayer at 6:30, and Bible Study/worship at 7:00.

We will begin our Wednesday evenings with a soup and salad supper. The idea is for you to be able to come right after work and have a simple meal at the church. There is no cost, these are always times of great food and fellowship. And of course if you can, please sign up to help with one of the suppers.

At 6:30 we will again invite those interested to come into the worship space for a time of prayer. One of our growing edges as a congregation is to get more and more people involved in praying together for our congregation and for a variety of needs. This 6:30 time is a great time for this. The gatherings are simple, no experience necessary. Please try this out. My hope for Our Saviour's is that we grow into more and more of a people of prayer! Just a note, on the first Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, we will focus the prayer time on prayers for our country.

We finish the Wednesday evenings with worship. On Ash Wednesday, March 6, we will have a traditional Ash Wednesday service. It is a solemn service as we focus on our brokenness and need for a Savior. The service will include the sharing of ashes and Holy Communion. (Be sure to come on Ash Wednesday and we will explain the significance behind the sharing of ashes!)

On the remaining Wednesdays of Lent we have some special services planned. I will begin by leading a Bible study on the Gospel of John's account of the Passion and execution of Jesus. After the study we will have a worship time of confession, reflection, and refocus. The format for all of this will be similar to what we did on the Wednesday evening services during Advent. That worked out very well, we plan to continue with that for Lent.

So, Lent is soon here. Please plan to join us for our mid-week Lenten activities.

God Bless,  
Pastor Mark

## **Garage Sale – March 2**

Remember the Garage Sale here at the church on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Thank you to all who have donated! All proceeds will be used for youth ministry and for addressing needs in the congregation.

## **Sunday School Schedule**

Here is our schedule for Sunday School:

**Sunday, March 10** - Our youth Sunday School classes will not meet because of spring break.

**Sunday, March 17** – We will begin the day with breakfast in the fellowship hall. Meet at 9:00 for breakfast; after breakfast we will go to our classes.

**Sunday, March 24 and following** – regular schedule with classes from 9:00 until 9:50

## **Midweek Lenten Activities**

We offer special Wednesday evening activities during the Lenten season. We will begin on Wednesday, March 6. Here is our Wednesday schedule:

**6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper** – We share a simple meal of soup and salad. Please come for a time of fellowship and food. Also, please sign up to help with a supper!

**6:30 p.m.—Congregational Prayer Time** - Please mark this Lenten season by joining with others in prayer for our congregation.

**7:00 p.m. — Lenten Worship** - Our worship this year will be a bit different. We will begin with a Bible Study lead by Pastor Mark on the Gospel of John's account of the Passion and execution of Jesus. We will conclude with a simple Lenten service with confession of sin, prayers and liturgy.

## **Service of Renewal of Baptism**

On Sunday morning, March 10, we have a special service planned. The worship service will focus around a Renewal of Baptism. This is a most appropriate service for the Lenten Season, and a very special time of worship!

## **Debbie's Hours in Office**

We have done some reshaping in our church office. Debbie will be in the office the following times:

Monday afternoons

Tuesday 9:00 to 3:45

Wednesday 9:00 to 3:45

## **Planning Ahead for Summer**

We know this is early, but here are some dates for your summer planning:

### **Summer Camp at Lutherhill**

Students in grades 4 through 8, we are going to Lutherhill again this summer. Our week of camp is going to be July 21-26. For more information call Pastor Mark.

High School Students who want to be in the LYLE program, we are looking at the session for July 14-26.

### **Dates for Day Camp**

Our annual day camp with Lutherhill will be July 14-19. Our Day Camp is for children age 3 through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Discounted Registration for Lutherhill ends March 5**

There is a discounted registration fee for campers at Lutherhill that ends on March 5. You can register your children after that, but the cost goes up \$50. We try to register our students before the deadline to save money.

If you know your child is going to camp, please let pastor Mark know by March 3 so that he can get them registered under the discounted rate! Thank you!

### **Bible Camp Scholarship Fund**

One of our best youth ministries is sending youth to Bible Camp. It is an incredible and faith-growing experience. We have a scholarship fund to help youth who can't afford to attend camp. We don't want anyone to miss camp because of finances. If you would like to donate to this fund and help some youth attend camp, please write a check to the church and mark it for the "Bible Camp Scholarship Fund". The cost for one camper to attend a week of camp is \$375. Thank you.

### **Church Council for 2019**

Here is our Church Council for 2019. Please keep these people in your ongoing prayers!

Bill Videtto – President and Property Committee  
Amy Norris – Vice President and Evangelism Committee  
Erin Henriksen – Secretary and Social Ministry and Safety Committee  
Chris Burris – Treasurer and Communications/Technology  
Kristin Blaise – Christian Education/Youth Committee and Oktoberfest Committee  
Amber Jackson – Christian Education/Youth Committee  
Sherri Towns – Worship and Music Committee  
Becky Chambers – Congregational Care  
Natalie Smith - Oktoberfest  
Karin Davis – Stewardship Committee  
Cheryl Pontious – Fellowship Committee

### **Did you Know???**

Sometimes our senior citizens need a little temporary help paying for their medications or medical devices. Did you know that Our Saviour's has a fund that is designed to aid our senior citizens in need?

Traditionally in the Lutheran Church, the congregation financially assists our members who are called to ministry and attend the Lutheran seminaries. Did you know that Our Saviour's has a special seminary fund that provides tuition and travel subsidies for our seminary students?

If you would like to contribute to these funds, please write "Seniors" or "Seminary" on your check or envelope. If you have questions on any of our special funds, please contact Pastor Mark or any church council member.

### **Social Ministry**

The Social Ministry Committee follows the mandates of scripture to serve others, especially those who are ill, hungry, troubled, suffering injustice, or lacking basic needs. Each month, we will include a brief description of the organization (s) that our donations target.

**Contributions:** Contributions for March are Meals on Wheels and Tyler Smith County Child Welfare Board.

**PATH Canned Soup Drive:** Our thanks and appreciation go to all who helped make our Canned Food and Soup Drive a success again this year. Because of your generosity, many of our neighbors will enjoy warm and nourishing meals this winter.

**Quilters:** The Quilters are pleased to have quilted wall hangings. These are for sale. If you are interested in any of these, please contact Linda Tumino or Helen Siebert.

The Quilters are always looking for new members. Anyone who is interested, please join us any Tuesday morning. We meet from 9:00 to 11:30 with a coffee break at 10:00. No experience is necessary. Only a desire to learn is required.

### **PRIMETIMERS**

Happy St Patrick's Day Primetimers. Our next get-together is March 14, 2019 at 12 noon at OSLC. We will have a potluck luncheon and the program will be a presentation by an attorney from the law firm of Ross & Shoalmire. The group really enjoyed the presentation from this law firm previously. The presentation will be one of the following topics: The Probate Process and How to Avoid It Altogether; Medicaid Myths, A Viable Way to Pay for Long-Term Care; or Do It Yourself Will, A Crash Course. **Please watch for changes, and/or additions to these plans.**

Mark your calendars. This is an excellent time to bring friends for some fantastic Christian fellowship. There is nothing to obligate you or no one to intimidate you, just great Christian friends to welcome you. Remember we are the "most caring Primetimers in the world".

### **AA Group at OSLC**

We host an Alcoholics Anonymous Group here at OSLC. Meetings are on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at noon. For more information please contact Pastor Mark.

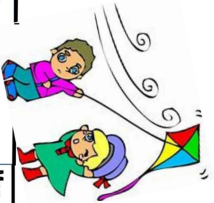
### **Adult Children of Alcoholics Support Group**

OSLC hosts an Adult Children of Alcoholics Support Group. They meet on Thursday nights at 6:00. Please contact Pastor Mark for more information.

**MARCH 2019 WORSHIP SERVERS**

2019	Transfiguration	First Sunday In Lent	Second Sunday In Lent	Third Sunday In Lent	Fourth Sunday In Lent	Fifth Sunday In Lent
	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31	April 7
Altar Guild	Jan Moch	Carol Lattier	Joni LeBlanc	Carol Lattier	Jan Moch	Jan Moch
	Susan Buntz	Sherry Towns	Sandra Hawthorne	Virginia Coker	Susan Buntz	Susan Buntz
	Audrey Cameron	Connie Lucas	Randy Hendrickson	Kimberly Butler	Audrey Cameron	Audrey Cameron
		Ed Lucas	Jennifer Videtto	Michelle Smith		
<b>10:00 Combined Service</b>						
LMC & Usher	Ryan Gibbs	Robert Henriksen	Erin Henriksen	Sally Dengerud	Connie Gibbs	Ryan Gibbs
Usher	Milo Miles	Nicholas Henriksen	Bob Tardiff	Cliff Dengerud	Terry Gibbs	Milo Miles
Acolyte	Ben Snyder	Jonah Rhodes	Abby Gibbs & Makenzie Davis	Ian Hollenbeck	Annabelle Davis	Ben Snyder
Reader	Jan Moch	Mary Ferguson	Becky Chambers	Carmen Nazario	Kristen Blaise	Travis Snyder
Communion	Susan Buntz	Jana Snyder	Max Lewis	Amy Norris	Ed Lattier	Susan Buntz
	Dee Miles	Jan Moch	Cheryl Pontious	Jana Coke	Jana Snyder	Dee Miles
	Audrey Cameron	Jana Coke	Ken Pontious	Blaine Davis	Max Lewis	Audrey Cameron
Projectionist	Toby Fite	Toby Fite	Toby Fite	Toby Fite	Toby Fite	Toby Fite

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot serve in your scheduled worship service position, **please find a substitute so that the position is filled.**  
 Then call the office at (903-561-1865) so that the right server can be shown on that week's bulletin.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	4 No Activities Scheduled	5 9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting	6 LENT BEGINS Ash Wednesday 6:00 Soup & Salad 7:00 Worship	7 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Primetimers 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	1 No Activities Scheduled	2 12:00 AA Meeting
10 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Forum 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	11 No Activities Scheduled	12 9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES @ 10AM	13 LENT Embroiderer's Group 6:00 Soup & Salad 7:00 Worship	14 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	15 No Activities Scheduled	16 Embroiderer's Group 12:00 AA Meeting
17 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Forum 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	18 6:30 Council 10:00 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES	19 9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting	20 LENT 6:00 Soup & Salad 7:00 Worship	21 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	22 No Activities Scheduled	23 12:00 AA Meeting
24 /31 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	25 No Activities Scheduled	26 9:00 Quilters 11:30 Social Ministry 12:00 AA Meeting	27 LENT 6:00 Soup & Salad 7:00 Worship	28 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	29	30 12:00 AA Meeting